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## Memorandum

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To:

**BDAC Members** 

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Subject: Restoration Coordination Program

The May 1998 Proposal Solicitation Package made \$24.55 million available to fund proposals in nine categories. 180 proposals were received, requesting over \$160 million in funding. These proposals are being reviewed and scored by the Technical Review Panels and the Integration Panel. Once this review process is complete, the projects recommended for funding along with any comments will be forwarded to the Ecosystem Roundtable. At the September BDAC meeting, staff will present a complete package of the recommended proposals along with the comments of the Ecosystem Roundtable.

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BDAC members are being asked for their input on the overall funding package to determine if it represents an appropriate balance of proposals geographically, by type of project, and by type of applicant.

CALFED has worked with the Integration Panel to identify gaps remaining based on the December 1997 and January 1998 proposals that were approved. Many of these gaps are being filled through the Proposal Solicitation Package that was released in early May. This PSP identified nine specific topic areas where proposals were being sought, including

- Fish Passage Assessment
- Fish Passage and Related Screen Improvements
- Floodplain Management and Habitat Restoration
- Sediment Management
- Fish Harvest Management Tools
- Species Life History Studies
- Local Watershed Stewardship
- Environmental Education
- Small Screen Evaluations and Alternatives

**CALFED Agencies** 

California

The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal

Environmental Protection Agency Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service Bureau of Reclamation U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service

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The proposal received are being reviewed by Technical Review Panels and the 1998 Integration Panel. The results from this review will be forwarded to the Ecosystem Roundtable for deliberations at their August 31 meeting. The results along with the comments from the Ecosystem Roundtable will be presented at the BDAC meeting. Because the proposals remain confidential until the end of the technical review process, detailed information on the proposals was not available to be included in this package.

The results of technical review along with comments from the Ecosystem Roundtable and BDAC will be considered by the CALFED agencies in mid-September when they make their final recommendations to the Secretary for Resources and the Secretary of the Interior, who are the final decision makers.